

**Please read this entire information sheet before completing the application.**

### **WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT?**

The Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program provides \$5,000 grants to financially needy, placebound Washington residents as an incentive to complete their first bachelor's degree at an eligible four-year college. The grant's purpose is to encourage students who have achieved junior class standing, by completing a transferable associate's degree or transferable credits, to complete a bachelor's degree.

### **AM I ELIGIBLE FOR EOG?**

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible for the grant.

- Washington state resident.
- Placebound circumstances. The program defines placebound circumstances as having personal barriers, such as family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial inability, or other similar factors, that make it difficult for you to continue your education at a four-year college. In general, placebound students either have to relocate or are unable to relocate to attend college because of personal barriers.
- Junior class standing. Have at least junior class standing (as determined by the college you plan to attend) by the end of your first term of enrollment by completing a transferable associate's degree or an equivalent amount of transfer credits. *The college you plan to attend must receive your official, final academic transcripts to determine your class standing.*
- Financial need, as determined by the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.
- You must be a junior or senior in 2007-2008 by either transferring or returning to a four-year college after an absence of one or more years. **You are ineligible to receive an EOG at the college you are currently attending.**

### **WHAT FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE?**

Antioch University  
Bastyr University  
Central Washington University  
Cornish College of the Arts  
Eastern Washington University  
Gonzaga University  
Heritage University

Pacific Lutheran University  
Saint Martin's University  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
The Evergreen State College  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Washington

Walla Walla College  
Washington State University  
Western Washington University  
Whitman College  
Whitworth College

You cannot pursue a degree in theology or be required by your college to be involved in any program or class that includes any religious worship, exercise, or instruction.

## **WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE GRANT?**

The EOG has an award value of \$5,000 over six-quarters or four-semesters. Students who are unable to complete a bachelor's degree in the time allowed, because of extenuating circumstances, may petition for up to an additional two terms of funding.

## **HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE GRANT?**

You must complete Part A (Student Information) and Part B (Placebound Circumstances), typed or legibly written in ink.

### ***Mail or fax Part A and Part B to:***

Higher Education Coordinating Board      360-704-6261 fax number  
Educational Opportunity Grant  
917 Lakeridge Way SW  
PO Box 43430  
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

Once the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) receives your application, we will request information from the financial aid office at the college(s) you plan to attend. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply for admissions to the college in order for the financial aid office to provide this information. Check with the financial aid office for further instructions about completing the financial aid process.

## **WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?**

The HECB must *receive* your complete application by the deadline for the term you plan start your attendance at an eligible four-year college.

- **Fall quarter/semester 2007:** October 1, 2007.
- **Winter quarter/spring semester 2008:** February 1, 2008.
- **Spring quarter 2008:** April 1, 2008.
- **Summer quarter/semester 2008:** June 2, 2008.

## **HOW WILL RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED?**

Applications are scored based on each student's placebound circumstances and financial need. Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis, with priority going to students enrolled full-time. Results of your application will be mailed to you and the financial aid office at the college(s) you plan to attend.

## **WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT  
2007-2008 APPLICATION**

**PART A – STUDENT INFORMATION**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle
3. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐ 4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
5. E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_
6. What quarters/semesters do you plan on attending during the 2007-2008 academic year? (Mark ALL that apply.)  
Fall 2007 ☐ Winter 2008 ☐ Spring 2008 ☐ Summer 2008 ☐
7. Planned enrollment status for the 2007-2008 academic year: Full-time ☐ ¾ time ☐ Half-time ☐  
If you plan on attending less than full-time, please explain the reason (for example, program requirement, health issue, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/ PO Box City State Zip
9. Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box City State Zip
10. Date you became a legal resident of Washington: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you have always lived in Washington, use your date of birth.) Month/Year
11. Indicate the college(s) you are considering attending, in order of preference, during the 2007-2008 academic year.

College	Main Campus	Branch Campus / Extended Learning Center (Please list site)
1) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR <input type="checkbox"/> _____
2) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR <input type="checkbox"/> _____
3) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR <input type="checkbox"/> _____

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Moving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staying	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deny	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placebound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. List all colleges you have attended (present/most recent first) below.

_____ Name of College	_____ Name of College
_____ Location of College	_____ Location of College
_____ Dates Attended From / To	_____ Dates Attended From / To
_____ Date Degree Earned	_____ Date Degree Earned
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*(If you have attended more than four previous colleges, please attach an additional sheet.)*

13. Planned academic major: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Student loans, prior to the 2007-2008 academic year:

Total borrowed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Current unpaid balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION:** The HECB may release your name, the college you previously attended, and the names of the college(s) you entered on question #11 to interested parties, such as the college you previously attended for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of grant recipients. Please check here ONLY if you do not wish this information to be released. NO ☐ I do not authorize the HECB to release my information for the purpose of recognition.

**STUDENT AGREEMENT:** By my signature, I certify that the information contained in Part A and Part B of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I give my consent to the financial aid office at the college(s) I plan to attend to release necessary demographic and financial information to assist in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's administration of the program. I certify that, according to the definition provided and to my answers on Part B, I am a placebound citizen. During the entire period I receive the Educational Opportunity Grant, I understand that I cannot pursue a degree in theology or be required by my college to be involved in any program or class that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**PART B – PLACEBOUND CIRCUMSTANCES**

For the Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program, **placebound** is defined as:

Personal barriers, such as; family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial inability, or other similar factors, that make it difficult to continue an education at a four-year college. In general, placebound students either have to relocate or are unable to relocate to attend college because of personal barriers.

**Please mark the box by each statement if it applies to your plans to attend a four-year college. Explain special circumstances on the reverse side.**

- ☐ I am the caregiver for an elderly or disabled family member. (Explain in detail on reverse side.)
- ☐ I will continue to work at my current job.
- ☐ I own the home I currently live in.
- ☐ I will be moving out of the area, approximately \_\_\_\_\_ miles, to attend college.
- ☐ I am returning to college after an absence of one or more years.
- ☐ I have a documented medical condition that requires continued care by my local doctor.
- ☐ Family or friends will assist me with childcare while I am attending college.
- ☐ My spouse will continue to work at their current job.
- ☐ I will be moving because there are no public or private four-year colleges (including branch campus/extended learning centers) within reasonable commuting distance of my current residence.
- ☐ My dependent has a documented medical condition that requires continued care by their local doctor.
- ☐ I will continue to live in my current government subsidized, low-income housing.  
(Excluding dormitories)
- ☐ I will be moving because the four-year college I am applying to offers an academic major not available within reasonable commuting distance of my current residence.  
The academic major is: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ My child will continue to attend the same daycare or school.
- ☐ The cost of moving is preventing me from attending a four-year college out of the area.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

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